

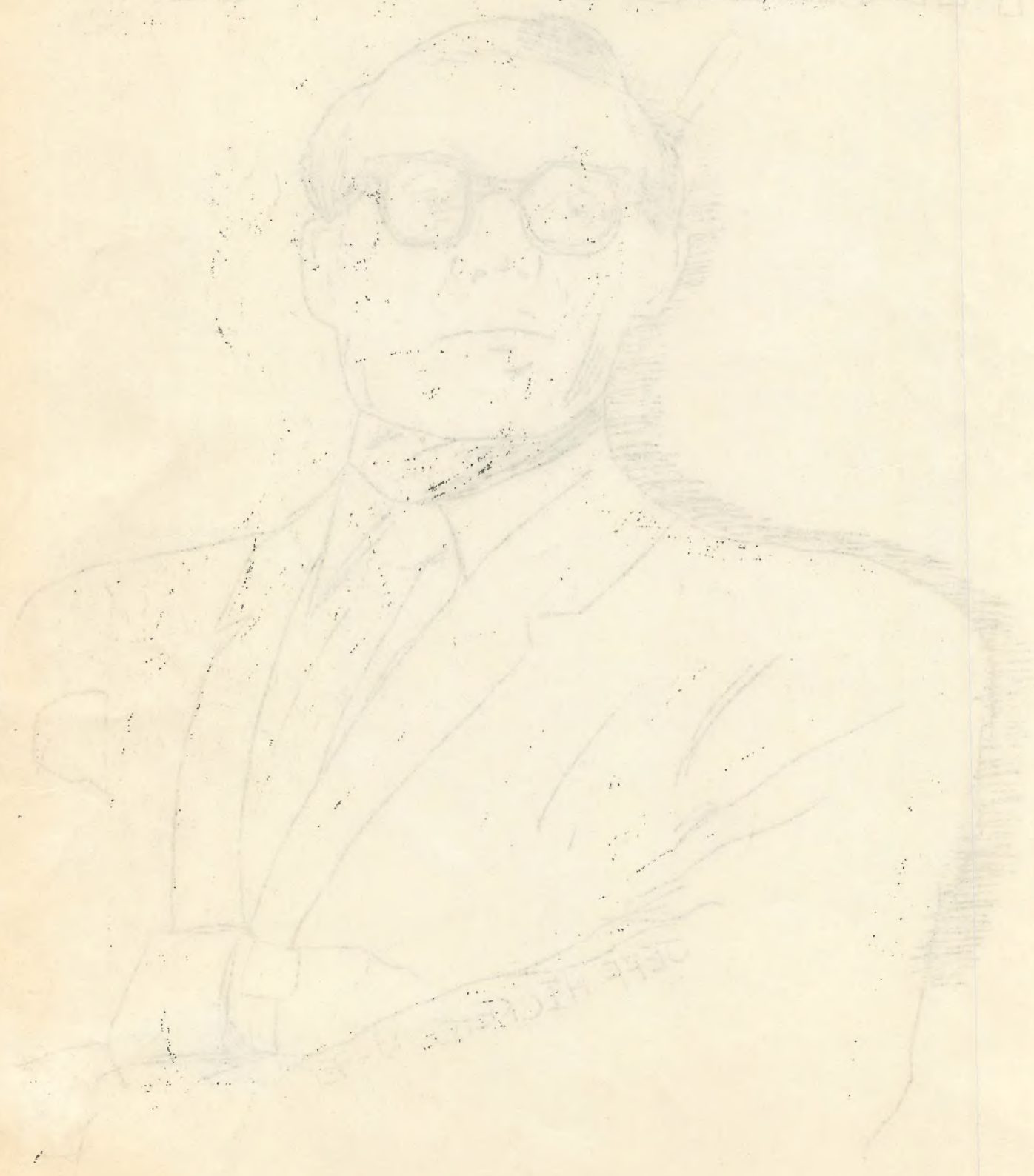
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# HELLO AGAIN!





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A PERSONAL NOTE: Hope everyone is well. My musical activities really pick up in May and June so excuse Hello Again if a little late.

IN FOND MEMORY: Carlton Kadell, 70; Was radio actor and announcer and in such shows as RED RYDER, RIGHT TO HAPPINESS, BACKSTAGE WIFE, ROMANCE OF HELEN TRENT, Announcer for AMOS AND ANDY, BIG TOWN, EDGAR BERGAN... Fellow collector Frank Browne died in March. Frank was 42 and lived at 2279 Del Monte Dr, San Pablo, Cal 94806. According to Larry Gabriel who sent me the information, Frank was one of the most generous men he ever met. Write Larry for more information if you wish at 225 Arballo Dr, San Fran, Cal 94132... Larry Fine, one of the 3 Stooges, died on Jan 24 at the age of 74... Moe Howard, last of the 3 Stooges died on May 4th at the age of 78.

PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES: Jan issue of Radio in Depth out. Highlights are an article on the Shadow and Jack Benny logs for 1936 and 1940. It is now published monthly (12.50 a year). Write Box 3634, Bryan, Tex 77801... Multi-Con '75 is being held at Oklahoma City, Okla Jun 19-22. Write Don Maris, Box 2513, Norman, Okla 73069 for details. Bret Morrison will be one of the guests... John Dunning, Box 18514, Denver, Col 80218 is in the midst of his book on radio. Write John if you can help with background material, xeroxes of premium booklets, etc. Also needs date on many shows. A few are A & P GYPSIES, ADMIRAL BYRD, ALAN YOUNG SHOW, AGAINST THE STORM, AUNT JENNY, BACHELOR'S CHILDREN, BETTY AND BOB... The 7th issue of Mystery File is out. It is published ever 6 weeks by Steve Lewis, 62 Chestnut Rd, Newington, Ct 06111. It is \$3.00 for 6 issues and contains articles and book reviews pertaining to mystery. Also a section on books and paperbacks available and a section on radio mystery shows...

CATALOGS: Marty Lewin, 6966-D No Hamilton, Chicago, Ill 60645; Sup 4; reels 228-301. many reels of jazz shows and concerts... David Riesenman, 33 Fitch Ter, Randolph, Ma 02368; Reels 315-336; TOM MIX, BOB HOPE rehearsal 12/10/39; Fitch show with Chico Marx and Mel Torme at 17... Robert Flatter, 3126 N 12th St, Wausau, Wisc 54401. 1-1600 of just band-remotes and other radio band music. These 1000 shows are one of the largest catalogs I've seen of just band music... George Fowler, 12008 NE 140th St, Kirkland, Wa 98033. 1975 Sup.. part 2; many ESCAPE, BENNY, SUSPENSE, LUX... Don Aston, 1301 N Park Ave, Inglewood, Cal 90302; 188 reels. Looking for TALES OF TOMORROW, ILAM and CAPT MIDNIGHT. Also looking for good copy of ESCAPE "Cut Station"... Haral Peacock, 324 W 99th Ave, Northglenn, Col 80221; 238 shows including some rare AFRS shows. Wants RAD SKELTON, SUSPENSE, ESCAPE. Trades 2-track.

LOGS: I forgot to mention last month that I also have a log of ACADEMY AWARD THEATER for 25¢... Ray Stanich's latest log: Dramas presented on THE FLEASCHMANN HOUR AND ROYAL GELATIN HOUR 1932-1939. Cost is \$1.00 folded once ~~xxx~~ or \$1.50 mailed flat. Write Ray at 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201...

LET THE BUYER BEWARE: In the past every once in a while I have printed a list of people that have apparently gypped traders. When a collector writes me of a problem I write to the person. Usually the problem is solved. If nothing is heard I then mention the name. Rather than mention the names in Hello Again I will mail them to you if you send a SASE. I only mention names if the trader or I never hear from the



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person involved. When buying shows from a new source either check with me first, if the name is unknown, or just order a minimum purchase to try them out. There are many outstanding and reputable sellers of radio programs.

NEW ADDRESSES: Bernard Meier, 527 13th St #114, Hudson, Wisc 54016...Jerry Chapman, 900 Elmwood, Wilmette, Ill 60091...Jim Laidler, 551 Mariposa Ave, Rockcliffe Pk, Ontario Kim o35...Clyde Bengel Jr, 16252 Woodstock Ln, Huntington Beach, Cal 92647...

HERE AND THERE: New Friends: Gaylon Dudley, Box 518, Magrath, Alberta, Canada...William Klementowski, 141 Richardson Ave, Syracuse, NY 13205...Bob Blume, 315 H St SE, Auburn, WA 98002...Larry Gabriel, 33 Ash Ave, Corte Madera, Cal 94926. PLEASE NOTE that on the first page I wrote Larry's old address. Use his new one.

Old Friends: Roger Smith, 5458 S Oakridge Dr, Beaverton, Mich 48612 is looking for SMILE TIME with S Allen; SARA'S PRIVATE CAPER with Bob Sweeney (I haven't seen this) and TOMMY RIGGS AND BETTY LOU... Mary Wallace, 155 Aberdeen Ter, Syracuse, NY 13206 is looking for any recordings of Cliff Arquette as Charley Weaver reading letters from Mama. Mary would like anything with Cliff Arquette including his return to Hollywood Squares in Jan 29, 1973 or wither of his appearances on the Tonight Show-Jun 28 or Aug 15, 1974. Also the speech that Jack Paar made before walking off the Tonight Show...Jerry Chapman is looking for more of the set of 53 SHERLOCK HOLMES BBC with Hobbs and Shelley. He has 40 but only 20-30 are in ex. condition... Marty Lewin has these 2 gripes: 1. recording introductions to shows as "some clown" is doing. 2. starting the show from the very end of the reel. You should let several turns go by first...Phil Cole, 1539 Deception Rd, Anacortes, Wa 98221 has a new rental service for beginners. Tapes for rental are \$2.50 each with a deposit of \$6.00 per reel. Write for information...Greg Jackson, 1097 Queen Anne Pl, Los Angeles, Cal 90019 is looking for the 1000th broadcast of Salvation Army's Heartbeat Theater broadcast week of April 27, 1975...Jed Dolnick, 160 W Indian Creek Ct, Fox Point, Wisc 53217 did a 10-minute interview with Edgar Bergen over the phone. If you want a copy of it just send Jed a small blank tape and postage, etc...Last month I enclosed a flier of Ernie Hack, 2860 SE 20th A, Gainesville, Fla 32601. Ernie is a printer (semi-retired) and specializes in custom stamps. Also he prints letterheads, business cards and plastic social security cards...Bill Sabis, 5715 NW 4th Pl, Gainesville, Fla 32601 is still looking for science fiction buffs. He has a rather complete X-1, BEYOND TOMORROW, and 45 DIMENSION X shows in sequence on 4 1800-ft reels for trade or sale. All shows are complete and in vg to excellent condition...Bob Flatter has a gripe which has been mentioned before. If you ask me to mention something about you in Hello Again, please respond to people writing. Sending a SASE is not necessary unless specified but it is helpful...Dick Mullins, 460 So York, Denver, Col 80209 is looking for GE STEREO THEATER "The Turn of the Screw" and "The Fall of the House of Usher"...Tom Heathwood, 340 Parker St, Newton Center, Ma 02159 wants INFORMATION PLEASE in which Oscar Levant was a panel member and Fred Allen or George S Kaufman were guests...AM TREASURES dealer, Gary Dudash, has over 1000 reels and will trade for LUX, GENE AUTRY, ROY ROGERS, and PRESLEY BOB AND RAY, especially Squad Car 119. Also recent TV Friar's roast for Sammy Davis Jr. Write Box 192, Babylon, NY 11702...Bob Joseph, Box 3402, Seminole, Fla 33542 is now trading again...Karl Stegelman, 1607 So Sprott St, Auburn, Ind 46706 wants HAPPY HANK radio shows...Rich Mann, whom I said collects cassettes in the last issue, does not collect cassettes. My apologies...



NEW PROGRAMS: In My collection: More J Benny to add to my listing: 3/8/42 Joan Bennett...AFRS going to Dallas...12/26/48; Don, announcer of the year...1/26/58 (rebroadcast date) gopher trap, Napoleon calls, buys a TV set...Also Claude Hopkins Orch 3/7/46.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Some good news. Chuck Schaden is NOT going off the air as I mentioned last month. Due to an avalanche of mail, WLTD in Chicago is keeping Chuck and all his shows...GUNSMOKE made its debut on radio in the fall of 1952 and its television debut in Sep 10, 1955. The last radio broadcast was Jun 17, 1961. And finally GUNSMOKE is leaving television this year. It is not coming back in September. For 23 years on radio and television Matt Dillon, first as William Conrad and on TV as James Arness, has kept law and order in Dodge City. It will be missed....However, 86 stations of the Intermountain network in the midwest and western states have signed a contract with Charles Michelson to broadcast the show-William Conrad will continue to keep law and order...Charles Michelson also recently bought the rights to DRAGNET.

FROM FRANCIS (Mike) NEVINS JR, 4466 W Pine Blvd #21-D, St. Louis, Mo 63108. I have completed a listing of all the known episodes on SUSPENSE which were written by or based on stories by the greatest suspense writer of them all, Cornell Woolrich. I believe there are 27 definite stories with an additional 6 possible ones...My interest in Woolrich goes back many years. Since 1970 I've been an adviser to the Chase Manhattan Bank in its capacity as executor of Woolrich's estate (he died in 1968) and in 1971 Harper and Row published "Nightwebs," a large collection of Woolrich's stories, edited by me with a lengthy introduction, notes and a checklist of Woolrich's voluminous work...For my money the two supreme high spots of radio mystery drama were the suspense episodes of Cornell Woolrich and John Dickson Carr. I am now working on a collection of Carr's radio plays. (If you want a copy of the list of Woolrich's stories on SUSPENSE, send me, Jay Hickerson, a SASE. In this way you can correct or add titles and let Mike Nevins know)

From ROBERT DAVIS, 1144 LOVEJOY ST, BUFFALO, NY 14206; I am in a club called "The Old Time Radio Club of Buffalo." It has 14 collector-members, most of whom have been in active trading a number of years. We started the club as a sort of get together to swap shows and ideas but have drifted to doing some public service work. Our local Public TV station is having an Auction-Telethon and we have donated blocks of shows to help them get some much needed funds. We have also contacted organizations for the aged and for the blind to see if they could use some of our shows. We've also got our local Veterans Hospital interested and when their inter-hospital radio station is fully set up they are going to run some of our shows. We would appreciate if you could help us out with any ideas for raising money so we can continue and expand our work. This is not a plea for donations but a plea for ideas. We would like similar clubs and organizations to contact us. Write me, Bob Davis, or Old Time Radio Club of Buffalo, 19 Church St, Lancaster, NY 14086.

FROM CHARLES STUMPF, 722 N Laurel St, Hazleton, Pa 18201  
 ETHEL PARK RICHARDSON: The name of Ethel Park Richardson is not very well known among the old time radio buffs, and yet this woman has contributed as much, if not a great deal more, to radio than most of the others who have this acclaim. She not only wrote several of the most popular program series, she appeared on the shows as well...She was born at Dechard, Tenn on December 13, 1883. Her lengthy career in radio began in 1927 when she began singing folk songs and telling



stories, in dialect, on a small station in Chattanooga, Tenn. She soon moved on to New York and sang hillbilly songs over station WJZ...On her very first broadcast, this multi-talented lady played a banjo and dulcimore duet, one instrument with each hand. She also attempted a reading about a mountaineer home but forgot her lines and ad-libbed, "Well now folks, ef'n I ain't gone and let the next line slip, I better get a fresh start, so's I kin jist scoot over the place I disreekolleck." Later when she tried to offer her apologies to the program director, he congratulated her, thinking it was part of her act. The program had gone out on a national hook-up and within ten days she was signed to co-star with Phil Cook as Mandy on the CABIN DOOR PROGRAM...Mrs. Richardson specialized in doing dialect and was heard on such programs as BLACK CAMEOS and CHARCOAL SKETCHES. She was also heard as Camilla Crow with Moran and Mack, "The Two Black Crows" on THE MAJESTIC RADIO HOUR...She wrote and produced the first song-story series on radio, HILLBILLY HEART-THROBS. This unique program made its debut on May 22, 1933 as a 15-minute, sustaining show heard over NBC. Each program wove a story around an old folk song, The first show was a dramatization of Blue Eyed Billy. The series used the talents of Curtis Arnall, Anne Elston, Agnes Moorehead, Bub Collyer, Brian Donlevy, Ray Collins, Billy and Florence Halop, and Frank Luther and Tex Ritter...Beginning on May 6, 1934 the series title was changed to HEART THROBS OF THE HILLS. On November, 6, 1935 the title was changed again to DREAMS OF LONG AGO and the program continued through 1938 and had a strong following. The imaginative Mrs. Richardson also wrote "Hill-billy" adaptations of Shakespeare including: Hamlet, Macbeth, Julius Caesar, Romeo and Juliet. The program was aired for the last time on October 27, 1938...In 1939 a new transcribed 1-hour series of HEART THROBS OF THE HILLS was produced by NBC. The first program in this series was a dramatization of the folk song, "Charming Billy." The announcer was Kelvin Keech and music was supplied by the Hilltop Harmonizers. Regulars included Robert Strauss, Bella Allen, Johnnie Rogers and Margaret and Travis Johnson...Mrs. Richardson also had another unusual claim to fame. She became the first contestant to win the largest prize ever given away on a TV quiz show. She won the jackpot of \$100,000 on NBC-TV's The Big Surprise on December 10, 1955 for displaying her vast knowledge of American folklore...Other programs which Mrs. Richardson wrote and produced were The Wayside Cottage, Uncle Natchel, and Home Sweet Home... For some reason I have never found any of her shows mentioned in any of the books dealing with old time radio and I have never found recordings of any of her works listed in any catalogs. Her contributions to the radio medium were many and her name deserves an honored spot on the long list of those radio immortals.

All hail the name Ethel Park Richardson.

Anyone with any knowledge of any of her works or recordings, please get in touch with me, Charles Stumpf.

LATE NOTES AND TIDBITS: Catalogs: Herb Sadowsky, 105-25 65th Ave, Forest Hills, NY 11375; Sup; Herb is recording all reruns of YOU BET YOUR LIFE. If you want an undated listing of these shows send Herb a SASE...Joseph Skiba Jr, 105 3rd St, Passaic, NJ 07055; 22 reels and 138 cassettes; wants complete reel of Stan Freberg 1957 summer show... Don Fisher, 125 Grandview, Bennington, Vt 05201; Sup #1; wide variety and a few new shows to collectors. Still looking for ISLAND ADVENTURE and SHERLOCK HOLMES with Rathbone and Bruce...Lynn Lichty, RR2, Antwerp, Ohio 45813 looking for address of collector and wrestling photographer John Boyle who did live in Flushing, NY...

That's it for now Soooo Write if you get work and Hang by Y'ur Thumbs Jay Hickerson Box C, Orange, Ct 06477 (795-6261) \$5.50